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RE: Petition #0521205

Dear. Ms. Hughes:

The staff of the Division of Gaming Enforcement's (Division) Regulatory Enforcement Bureau has reviewed Petition #0521205 filed by Tropicana Atlantic City Corp. d/b/a Tropicana Casino and Resort (Tropicana) dated February 21, 2012, and amended and revised on February 27, 2012. Tropicana is seeking approval to amend its Certificate of Operation and Casino Hotel Alcoholic Beverage (CHAB) License.

The Tropicana is the holder of a casino license issued by the Casino Control Commission on November 10, 2010.

The Tropicana is currently operating under the Certificate of Operation which was approved in Petition #3191103 on November 21, 2011 by the Division of Gaming Enforcement.

By Petition #0521205, Tropicana seeks approval to complete modifications to its casino floor as depicted on the architectural drawing labeled OP-86-1 and OP-86-2 dated January 26, 2012, amended and resubmitted on February 27, 2012, which was prepared by SOSH Architects, Kimberly McCarron, RA, License #AI-16521.



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The petitioner proposes the following:

1. Decrease of 3,699 square feet of gaming space within slot zones J and U.
2. Slot Zone A Reconfigure sixteen (16) slot machines and stools.
3. Slot Zone C Remove two (2) slot machines and stools.
4. Slot Zone D Add twenty-one (21) slot machines and stools.
5. Slot Zone E Reconfigure four (4) slot machines and stools and add four (4) redemption kiosks.
6. Slot Zone F Add thirty-seven (37) slot machines, reconfigure and renumber entire slot zone.
7. Slot Zone G Add fourteen (14) slot machines and stools.
8. Slot Zone H Add eighteen (18) slot machines and stools.
9. Slot Zone I Remove fourteen (14) slot machines and replace with fourteen (14) slot machines.
10. Slot Zone J Add fourteen (14) slot machines and stools, reconfigure and renumber entire slot zone. Add one (1) ticket redemption machine and one (1) ATM machine.
11. Slot Zone P Remove six (6) slot machines and replace with six (6) slot machines.
12. Slot Zone S Add fourteen (14) slot machines and stools.
13. Slot Zone T Add eight (8) slot machines and stools.
14. Slot Zone U Remove one hundred forty-eight (148) slot machines and one hundred thirty (130) slot stools. Designation of Slot Zone U removed in its entirety.
15. Slot Zone X Add eight (8) slot machines and stools and remove three (3) slot machines and replace with three (3) slot machines.
16. Slot Zone Y Add six (6) redemption kiosks which were removed from slot zones E, H, Y, X and W.

17. Pit #11 Remove one (1) table and add one (1) table.
18. Pit #17 Remove three (3) tables and reconfigure the remaining five (5) tables.
19. Pit #18 Add five (5) tables to new gaming pit #18.

The summary of the statistical calculations is as follows:

1. A decrease of sixteen (16) slot machines and an increase of two (2) slot stools. The total number of slot machines is **2,621** and the total number of slot stools is **2,617**.
2. An increase of two (2) table games for a new total of **143** table games for the base plan of OP-86.
 - a) When Alternate #1 for Pit #10 is in use, the total number of table games will be reduced by one (1) table game.
 - b) When Alternate #2 for Pit #10 is in use, the total number of table games will be unchanged.
 - c) When Alternate #3 for Pit #9 is in use, the total number of table games will increase by two (2) table games.
3. The total gaming area will be reduced from one hundred thirty-six thousand six hundred sixty (**136,660**) square feet to one hundred thirty two thousand nine hundred sixty-one (**132,961**) square feet, a net decrease of three thousand six hundred ninety-nine (**3,699**) square feet.
4. The allowable slot coverage (90% of 132,961 sq. ft.) is one hundred nineteen thousand six hundred sixty-five (119,665) square feet.
5. The actual slot coverage is ninety two thousand four hundred twenty-one (92,421) square feet which is 69.51% of the total gaming area and within the allowable 90% for slot density.

Based on the Division's authority, the requested amendments to Tropicana's Certificate of Operation and CHAB license as set forth above, are hereby granted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69C7.1, et seq. This approval authorizes a casino room containing and consisting of **132,961** square feet of total gaming space, **143** table games, **2,621** slot machines and **2,617** slot stools as referenced in the Petitioner's letter.

Please note that although the blueprint depicts areas of the gaming floor as smoking and nonsmoking, the designation of smoking areas in casinos is subject to the jurisdiction of the N.J. Department of Health and Senior Services and the Atlantic City Department of Health and Human Services, not the Division. Accordingly, this letter should in no way be construed as approving areas of the gaming floor for smoking.

This approval is subject to the following conditions:

- A. That revised operational blueprints reflecting the changes approved herein be submitted to the Division's Regulatory Enforcement Bureau, casino licensee's security podium and the casino licensee's CCTV monitoring room;
- B. That all gaming chips be transported to and from the gaming tables in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.22 and 1.23;
- C. That a revised Table Game and Roulette Wheel inventory list are submitted to the Division;
- D. That all steps are taken to ensure maximum patron comfort and safety during the period of renovation;
- E. That the procedures detailed in the Slot Procedures Manual are followed during the movement of slot machines;
- F. That a revised Slot Master List is submitted to the Division;
- G. That an updated security and surveillance submission be submitted to the Division reflecting new table game drop routes, chip fill credit routes, card distributions routes and staffing of security **prior to the opening of Pit #18**;
- H. That Tropicana notify the Division immediately in the event of any modification to the approvals granted herein;
- I. That Tropicana comply with all requirements and conditions appended to approvals received from all involved agencies of government whose approvals are required in order for a Certificate of Occupancy for the general public to be issued including, but not limited to, the Department of Community Affairs and the local construction official;
- J. That Tropicana complies with CCTV requirements identified in N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.10 regarding the requirement to record all gaming tables whether active or inactive; and

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- K. Once modifications have been completed, a satisfactory inspection and approval by the Division is required to ensure the changes made conform to the petition. The review also includes, but is not limited to, an assessment of the adequacy of CCTV and security coverage. Such inspection must be done **prior to the proposed areas being used for gaming activity.**

To schedule an inspection, please contact the Division at inspections@njdge.org.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Kendzierski of my staff at 441-7557.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don Errera", followed by a long horizontal line.

Don Errera, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Enforcement Bureau

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